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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, PETROLEUM COMMITTEE, MUNITIONS BOARD

SUBJECT: Estimate of Effects of Wartime Sabotage upon Petroleum Production, Refining, Storage, and Transportation in Certain World Areas

1. In response to your memorandum of 12 August 1949 there are attached estimates of the effect of probable sabotage and strikes on petroleum installations in various parts of the world, assuming outbreak of war 1 July 1949. Lack of data precludes any useful estimates affecting storage at this time; hence, statistics are confined to the production, refining and transport of petroleum within each of the areas covered.

2. The figures used represent probable losses resulting from activities of dissident elements in the civil population. They do not cover results which might be obtained by foreign agents, or destruction caused by organized guerrilla bands. In the short time available it was possible to produce little more than tentative appreciations; accordingly, no effort was made to draw conclusions. As the study proceeds, it is hoped that evidence can be developed on which to base a better overall appraisal of sabotage and work-stoppage probabilities likely to affect the petroleum industry abroad in event of war.

Signed - dictated via ER 9/22/49

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